[*Translation*]

**Repair of National Highways Passing Through Varanasi District**

5234. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways passing through Varanasi district are in bad shape;

(b) if so, the places where these roads require immediate repairs and the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) the total amount spent on the repairs of the National Highways passing through this district during 1990-91; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). No, Sir. All the National Highways are generally in traffic-worthy condition. Maintenance of the National Highways is a continuous operation and repairs are carried out as and when noticed subject to the availability of funds.

(c) Funds for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways are allotted state-wise and not district-wise. During 1990-91 and amount of Rs. 11.085 crores was allotted for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh. An expenditure of Rs. 11.42 crores has been reported by the State Government against the allocation for maintaining the National Highways network.

(d) Tentatively an amount of Rs. 13.58 crores has been earmarked for Maintenance and Repair of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh for 1991-92.

[*English*]

**Loan Schemes for Weaker Sections**

5235. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI DATTARAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes under which loans are advanced by banks to the weaker sections;

(b) the amount of loans sanctioned under these schemes during each of the last three years, till date, scheme-wise; and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to squeeze the credit under these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the alternative arrangements proposed to be made for providing adequate credit facilities to the weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The commercial banks participate in the programmes sponsored by the Government to enable the identified beneficiaries to pursue viable schemes for their economic upliftment. In addition to the above, the banks also frame the schemes on their own to assist weaker sections of the society by way of providing loans to them for productive ventures. It has been enjoined upon them that 10% of their total advances should be for weaker sections of the society. Amongst the Government programmes, the Integrated Rural Development Programme

(IRDP) is the major one to assist selected families of target groups in rural areas to cross the poverty line by taking up self employment ventures. The programme, interalia provides that not less than 50% of the families assisted should belong to scheduled castes/schedules tribes communities and not less than 50% of assistance provided by Government should also go to these categories. The state wise amount provided by the banks under IRDP during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto Feb. 91) is given in the attached statement.

(c) to (e). There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to squeeze the credit to be provided by the banks to priority sectors. Reserve Bank of India in their latest circular dated 23.2.91 have impressed upon banks to ensure that credit flow to priority sectors in general and for rural areas and Government sponsored programmes in particular is not disrupted and also that the priority sector category go borrowers may not face difficulty in obtaining credit from bank branches.

**STATEMENT**

*State-wise/U.T.-wise Bank credit provided under integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto February 1991)*

*(Rs. in crores)*

| *Sl. No.* | *States/U.T.* | *Amount of Bank Credit* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *1988-89* | *1989-90* | *1990-91 (Upto Feb.)* |
| *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 10034.65 | 7623.76 | 8018.21 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 144.30 | 33.67 | 62.35 |
| 3. | Assam | 2491.43 | 865.24 | 980.80 |
| 4. | Bihar | 15204.43 | 11346.56 | 12925.23 |
| 5. | Goa | 215.57 | 210.82 | 134.35 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 3118.80 | 3148.52 | 2736.81 |
| 7. | Haryana | 1889.79 | 1216.50 | 890.90 |

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | States/U.T. | Amount of Bank Credit | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1988-89 | 1989-90 | 1990-91 (Upto Feb.) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 612.72 | 610.33 | 446.63 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 903.31 | 340.89 | 318.70 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 5572.47 | 3879.16 | 3874.00 |
| 11. | Kerala | 3234.51 | 2578.77 | 2212.56 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 23538.33 | 8112.12 | 8191.78 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 9302.56 | 7635.73 | 6538.17 |
| 14. | Manipur | 47.20 | 24.26 | 37.48 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 70.06 | 122.31 | 34.28 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 13.99 | 0.30 | 10.18 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 118.67 | 43.70 | 114.45 |

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | States/U.T. | Amount of Bank Credit | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1988-89 | 1989-90 | 1990-91 (Upto Feb.) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. | Orissa | 3689.19 | 2049.74 | 1888.68 |
| 19. | Punjab | 2058.87 | 2180.29 | 1102.04 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 4607.13 | 3536.52 | 3391.56 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 80.06 | 50.49 | 45.00 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 8487.48 | 7357.18 | 5095.65 |
| 23. | Tripura | 1021.83 | 226.14 | 290.47 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 25414.04 | 23111.45 | 26776.13 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 11014.35 | 9419.33 | 8044.39 |
| 26. | A & N Islands | 83.86 | 64.25 | 60.18 |

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | States/U.T. | Amount of Bank Credit | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1988-89 | 1989-90 | 1990-91 (Upto Feb.) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 27. | Chandigarh | — | INR* | — |
| 28. | D & N Haveli | 14.19 | 12.42 | 12.90 |
| 29. | Delhi | 54.21 | 44.49 | 50.69 |
| 30. | Daman & Diu | 33.05 | 31.64 | 27.07 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 17.84 | 7.61 | 6.42 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 73.92 | 32.65 | 44.16 |
| 33. | All India | 123162.00 | 95916.84 | 94302.22 |

* Information not received.